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Disabled Veterans' Exemption

Under certain conditions disabled veterans and spouses of deceased veterans may be eligible for a disabled veterans' exemption.

Depending on your disability, the disabled veterans' exemption may exempt up to \$100,000 off of the assessed value of your home. The exemption may increase to \$150,000 if your income is less than \$44,302 for the 2004/2005 tax year.

Once the disabled veterans' exemption is granted, it will remain in effect either until you are no longer on title to the property, you move from the property, or your disability rating changes. However, if you are claiming the increased exemption amount, you will need to annually file a claim and complete an income worksheet.

QUALIFYING CONDITIONS FOR DISABLED VETERAN

The property must be the veteran's principal place of residence.

and

The veteran must be on title to the property (including ownership in a corporation).

and

The veteran, due to a service-connected condition, is rated by the Veterans Administration as 100% disabled, is compensated as 100% disabled, is blind in both eyes, or has lost the use of two or more limbs.

QUALIFYING CONDITIONS FOR SPOUSE OF DISABLED VETERAN

The spouse was married to the veteran at the time of the veteran's death.

and

The spouse is unmarried.

and

The property is the spouse's principal place of residence.

and

The spouse is on title to the property.

and either

The veteran died as a result of a service-connected condition or while on active duty.

or

The veteran was eligible for the disabled veterans' exemption during his/her lifetime.

FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXEMPTION

- completed claim form
- copy of letter from the Veterans Administration verifying service-connected disability or death (if veteran is deceased)
- copy of veteran's discharge papers (DD214)
- completed income worksheet, if applying for increased amount

Additional filing requirements for spouse of veteran:

- copy of marriage certificate
- copy of veteran's death certificate

In most cases, the filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. on February 17 for 100% of the exemption amount.

The information on these pages reflect California assessment/taxation laws in effect January 1,2004.